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SUBJECT: AFN INTERFERENCE WITH RADIO SARAJEVO

REF: STATE 172846

1. DURING PAO'S INTRODUCTORY CALL ON RADIO SARAJEVO DIRECTOR FAIK DIZDAREVIC, DIZDAREVIC FORCEFULLY LAUNCHED INTO MONOLOGUE ABOUT AFN'S SYNCHRONIZED TRANSMISSIONS FROM KAISERSLAUTERN, MUNICH, AND NURNBURG WHICH ARE LITERALLY "WIPING OUT" RADIO SARAJEVO MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMISSIONS IN SUCH TOWNS AS BANJA LUKA. DIZDAREVIC, CLAIMING TO HAVE BEST RADIO ENGINEER IN YUGOSLAVIA WORKING ON SUBJECT, SAYS NO AMOUNT OF REDUCTION IN SIGNAL STRENGTH ABOVE GRAND TOTAL OF TWO KILOWATTS (ABOUT THREE/FOURTHS KILOWATTS FOR EACH TRANSMITTER) WOULD SOLVE PROBLEM. AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED, AFN SHOULD EITHER CHANGE ITS FREQUENCY OR SWITCH ENTIRELY TO FM. DIZDAREVIC SAID SARAJEVO AUTHORITIES HAD MADE FRUITLESS ATTEMPTS WORKING THROUGH YUGOSLAV EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO CONVINCE STATE DEPARTMENT OF SERIOUSNESS THIS SITUATION. SINCE NOTHING HAD HAPPENED THUS FAR, SARAJEVO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL INTENDS BRING MATTER ATTENTION FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BY END AUGUST. SARAJEVO AUTHORITIES ALSO INTEND PRESENT THEIR CASE AT APPROACHING MEDIUM WAVE FREQUENCY

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ALLOCATION CONFERENCE, AND WILL ALSO DO SAME BEFORE EBU.

2. DIZDAREVIC CLAIMED RADIO SARAJEVO HAS NO FLEXIBILITY IN REGARD CHANGING FREQUENCIES, OR GOING OVER TO FM, DUE TO SOCIOLOGICAL STRUCTURE OF BOSNIA-HERCEGOVIA POPULATION. ONLY TWENTY PERCENT OF RADIO SETS HAVE FM RECEIVING CAPABILITY. ADDITIONALLY, DIZDAREVIC SEES GREAT DIFFICULTY CONVINCING CONSERVATIVE B-H POPULATION SWITCH OVER FROM MEDIUM TO FM LISTENING HABITS.

3. DIZDAREVIC ALSO MENTIONED THAT RADIO ADANA, WITH 600 KILOWATTS, IS LITERALLY DROWNING OUT TITOGRAV'S 200 KILOWATTS IN TITOGRAV AREA, SO IT'S CLEAR YUGOSLAVS HAVE PROBLEMS WITH OTHER BROADCASTERS IN ADDITION TO AFN. ON OTHER HAND, DIZDAREVIC STRESSED GDR'S WILLINGNESS MOVE MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTER THAT HAD BEEN INTERFERING WITH SARAJEVO'S TRANSMISSIONS TO ANOTHER SITE AND REDIRECT THEIR ANTENNAS AS EXAMPLE OF INTERNATIONAL GOOD WILL, ASKING WHAT SORT OF GOOD WILL WE WISHED EXHIBIT. PAO, WHO HAD BEEN ON FIELD TRIP AND NOT YET SEEN STATE'S 172846, COULD MENTION ONLY OUR GENERAL WILLINGNESS CONDUCT POWER REDUCTION TESTS.

4. UPON RETURNING BELGRADE AND SEEING STATE 172846, PAO CALLED DIZDAREVIC AND MADE OFFER CONTAINED REFTEL. DIZDAREVIC SEEMED HAPPY WITH SERIOUS INTENT OFFER, AND INDICATED HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY AFTER AUGUST 25 (HE IS LEAVING ON EXTENDED FIELD TRIP AND HIS MONITORING STAFF IS CURRENTLY CHANGING SITES, MOVING INTO NEW RADIO SARAJEVO BUILDING COMPLEX) ABOUT WHOM AFN COULD BE ABLE TO CONTACT TELEPHONICALLY AS IT MOVES INTO TESTING PERIOD.  
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